GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have reviewed the present relationship with the neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the stand taken by the Government in regard to country`s relations with the neighbours;

(c) the steps taken to strengthen its ties with the neighbours; and

(d) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) to (d) India attaches utmost priority to strengthening and enhancing bilateral relations with all neighbouring countries. There is well established mechanisms for constant review of our policy towards neighbouring countries. Institutional mechanisms for periodic dialogue and exchange of views on issues of mutual concern and interest have been in exixtence with all neighbours.